

U. S. SEARCHED TO FIND I. W. W. BOMB FACTORY

Peck of Explosive Discov-
ered in Cleveland May
Give Clue.

THREE LEADERS TRAPPED

Chicago Indictments Due—
Papers Reveal German
Revolt Plan.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Nationwide search
for a manufacturing plant for explo-
sives, believed to be operated by the
I. W. W. for an Government plot, was
launched today by United States District
Attorney Charles F. Cline.

Mr. Cline's activity followed immedi-
ately upon the discovery in Cleveland
of a peck measure of high ex-
plosive dust, said to be the strongest
inflammatory material yet made.

The discovery, coming in line with
investigation of I. W. W. demon-
strations and the unearthing of a bomb
containing powerful dust in Detroit
headquarters of the organization, led
officials to the immediate belief that the
I. W. W. is secretly operating a plant
for manufacturing such explosives.

Mr. Cline conferred with officials in
Washington by telephone and telegraph
and immediately ordered an investiga-
tion even more sweeping than that al-
ready conducted by his assistants and
other Department of Justice officials
throughout the country.

I. W. W. Centres Searched.

While authorities believe that the
plant in which the organization evidently
is manufacturing death dealing articles
is located in Cleveland, the search to-
day was instituted in Chicago and every
other I. W. W. centre in the nation.
The explosive dust has been brought
to the attention of the Federal Grand
jury in Detroit. It is thought that the
Detroit bomb contained some of this powder.

Discovery gave rise to pre-
dictions that even more drastic action
by the Federal Grand Jury will be taken
and that the search for the plant will
be continued until the I. W. W. leaders
are brought to justice.

The Socialist may be indicted because
of speeches he has made here and else-
where against the draft.

It is widely known that the
I. W. W. leaders talked and wrote in
favor of forcible resistance to the
draft has been presented to the
jury.

Seek Treason Proofs.

In the meantime the Federal officials
are working over the mass of documents
which have been turned over to them
by the Chicago police. They are search-
ing for evidence to substantiate the
charges of treason against the I. W. W.
and German agents were
indicted in this country to obstruct
the manufacture of munitions by fomenting
riots.

The consignment of Socialist re-
cords, correspondence and "literature"
which was sent under guard to the Fed-
eral Building, to the offices of the De-
partment of Justice, is said to be an im-
portant part of the evidence.

Containing 150,000 names, correspond-
ence with Socialists of Holland regard-
ing the proposed revolution in Germany,
the correspondence of officers work-
ing for the party and scores of
pamphlets of Socialist propaganda.

In the results of the I. W. W. raid are
said to be routine correspondence and a
membership list throughout the United
States of 60,000.

I. W. W. FIGHT FATAL.

Two Men Killed in Clash With
Harvest Hands.

GRAND RAPIDS, Minn., Sept. 8.—Two men
were killed and four wounded in a gun
fight here today when men reputed
to be members of the I. W. W. and
of the World attempted to hold up har-
vest hands. Three of the wounded men
were taken to Olivia, where they were
held for treatment.

13 BELGIANS SEIZED HERE.

Accused of Trying to Smuggle
Rubber for Germany.

Thirteen Belgians, seized by the police
in an endeavor to crush the practice by
which rubber is smuggled aboard neutral
ships here and thence by a devious route,
into Germany, were indicted by the
Federal Grand Jury in Brooklyn yester-
day. They pleaded not guilty.

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The crews were saved, it was said.

Two Germans Killed by Air Raid.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 8.—The Vossische
Zeitung says two persons were killed
and three seriously injured in an air-
raid attack on the town of Lahr, Ger-
many, on September 4.

RIGA'S FALL BRINGS WAR'S END NEARER, SAYS KAISER

Tells Eighth Army Germany Is Assured of Food by
Present Harvest and Predicts Ulti-
mate Victory.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 8.—In
thanking the Eighth German Army for
the capture of Riga Emperor William
in an address to the victorious troops
at Riga on Thursday asserted that such
victories as that at Riga increase the
prospects that the end of the war will
come soon. The Emperor, according to
an official report, spoke as follows:

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RUSSIANS HAVE RETREAT; DRIVE NEARING AN END

Republican Forces Estab-
lish Their New Line 55
Miles East of Riga.

ATTACK NOT EXPECTED
Belief That Operations Will
Cease Owing to Near Ap-
proach of Winter.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The German drive
beyond Riga seems to be practically at
an end. The Russian retreat apparently
has halted and the Germans are mak-
ing no attempt to advance, although
their cavalry is in touch with the re-
publican troops. Berlin reports that
the Russians are retreating to the west
of Venden, a few miles east of
Friedrichshagen, on the Dvina. The num-
ber of guns captured by the Germans
has risen to 216.

The Berlin statement indicates that
the new Russian line, which begins on
the Dvina about twelve miles east of
Friedrichshagen and first of all runs
from Riga northwest through Bending,
which is a little west of Venden, and
thence to the Gulf of Riga. This gives
the Russians a straight line in contin-
uation of their old battle front.

Petrograd does not expect much if
any further advance by the Germans.
It reports that the spirit of the troops in
the Dvinsk sector is excellent and the
Germans are not likely to leave this
stronghold on their flank, as they would
have to do if they pushed them back
into the Dvinsk sector. The Russian
army is in a position to make a
powerful to be taken by frontal attack
under present conditions. Should they
attempt to flank the fortress by march-
ing up the river they quickly would be-
come involved in a roadless, wooded
country, with large masses of marshland
in which the Russians would fight at a
decided advantage.

The Petrograd War Office reports that
a German submarine and some trawlers
in the Gulf of Riga were shelled by the
shore batteries and forced to retire. Five
German trawlers were sunk and the sub-
marine torpedo boats without success.
Twenty-three others made a
series of reconnoitering flights over the
Baltic.

It is expected that within a few days
an important statement on the question
of the Polish constitution will be made
by the German and Austrian Emperors.
An undated War Office statement
from Vienna reports a decided reverse
for the Italians and that resistance has
stiffened against the Italians along the
Carso and the Isonzo. The best troops
of Austria are massed in this region to
protect the seaport city. The Austrian
army has been repulsed in the fighting
around Monte San Gabriele.

No hint of the reported reverses has
been contained in the Italian War Office
reports of the last few days. On the
other hand, Rome has assumed a con-
fident tone, and has predicted a great
Italian victory as impending. Military
authorities here admit the severity of
the struggle and the tremendous ob-
stacles which confront Gen. Cadorna.

The official statements follow:
Italian.—Yesterday we continued our
energetic pressure against the Austro-
Hungarian army. The enemy's lines and
communications under an intense bar-
rage fire.
On the Carso there were artillery
duels.
In the Concel Valley, west of Lake
Garda, local attacks against two of
our advanced posts were repulsed.
The total number of prisoners cap-
tured by us during the actual offensive
is 30,672, including 538 officers. A
large quantity of arms and ammuni-
tion has been captured. The enemy is being
gathered and classified.

Vienna Claims Successes.
Austrian.—Our troops in hand to
have fought yesterday pressed back
the Italians yard by yard from Monte
San Gabriele. At noon the enemy fled
westward across the Dol. He was
driven back by our heavy artillery and
concentrated fresh reserves and at-
tacked once more at 3 P. M., suffer-
ing heavy losses. The enemy's heavy
artillery was captured and his lines
were broken without interruption. During
the early hours this morning the firing
increased. St. Catherine also was
shelled heavily. Our troops were repulsed
easily.
In the Hermada sector our troops,
by a bold stroke, regained the territory
previously taken by the Italians. The
eleventh battle of the Isonzo.
The enemy no longer can boast of hav-
ing gained a yard of ground. In the
evening the enemy made a desperate
attempt by mad thrusts to reconquer
what he had lost. The attacks were
crushed by artillery and hand grenades.
At three o'clock the enemy was repul-
sed. He lost 160 officers and 6,300 men
were taken prisoner.
Trieste again has been bombed by
aviators.

NEW CONVOY SYSTEM PLANNED.
Army and Navy Board Working
Out Troopship Guard.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—A joint board
of army and navy officers, headed by
Capt. William R. Shoemaker of the
navy, has been appointed to get the
navy, has been employed in getting Ameri-
can troop transports across the Atlan-
tic in safety. Necessarily its conclusions
and recommendations will be regarded
as entirely new system of convoy nec-
essary.

Presumably the board will incorpo-
rate regulations all that has been
learned by the French and British
navies in three years of warfare.

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Is the Fund Game Day
NOW look here! Are you going
to that game or are you not?
You know the one we mean
that which is to be played on the
Polo Grounds this afternoon, Ned
Wynburn's "Polies" team and
Raymond Hitchcock's fence
breakers from "Hitchy-Koo."

Turn to our other pages and
look for these facts: The lineup
of the teams, the programme of
the 100 per cent. talent that is to
make the afternoon one of unremit-
ting merriment, and finally
gaze upon some of the beautiful
women who are to grace the oc-
casion. We have from five hun-
dred to more than 100 volun-
teer workers.

There will be no admission to
the grounds. As far as the ca-
pacity of the stands will permit
we will receive our guests. Harry
Hempstead's stadium will accom-
modate 37,000. Be on hand early,
however, because there has been
nothing else talked of in general
circles in the last week.

The more the merrier, because
we expect in spite of the free
entry that every one will con-
tribute something to THE SUN
Tobacco Fund. That is why the
actors and actresses who are
to participate in the day's festi-
vities are sacrificing their leisure.

The fund this morning stands
at \$64,423.50. May the dawn of
another day find us within shoot-
ing distance of that \$70,000.

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with any other fund, organiza-
tion or publication. It employs
no agents or solicitors.

SWEDEN, UNMASKED, SHOWN AS GERMANY'S SECRET ARMS IN SINKING UNARMED SHIPS

Proof of Sweden's Diplomatic Perfidy
Bared to World by Secretary Lansing

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Copies of three communications from
Count Loxburg, the German Charge at Buenos Ayres, to the
Berlin Foreign Office and transmitted through the Swedish Legation
in cipher from the Argentine capital were made public by the State
Department today in the following statement:

"The Department of State has secured certain telegrams from
Count Loxburg, German Charge d'Affaires at Buenos Ayres, to the
Foreign Office at Berlin, which, I regret to say, were despatched from
Buenos Ayres by the Swedish Legation as their own official messages,
addressed to the Stockholm Foreign Office.

"The following are translations of the German text:
"May 19, 1917. No. 32. This Government has now released
German and Austrian ships on which hitherto a guard had been placed.
In consequence of the settlement of the Monte (Protegido) case there
has been a great change in public feeling. Government will in future
only clear Argentine ships as far as Las Palmas. I beg that the small
steamer Oran and Guano, 31st of January (meaning which sailed
31st), 300 tons, which are (now) nearing Bordeaux with a view to
change the flag, may be spared if possible or else sunk without a
trace being left ('spurio versenkt')."
LUXBURG.

"July 3, 1917. No. 59. I learn from a reliable source that the
acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, who is a notorious and Anglo-
phile, declared in a secret session of the Senate that Argentina would
demand from Berlin a promise not to allow more German ships to
if not agreed to relations would be broken off. I recommend refusal and
if necessary calling in the mediation of Spain."
LUXBURG.

"July 9, 1917. No. 64. Without showing any tendency to make
concessions, postpone reply to Argentine note until receipt of further
reports. A change of Ministry is probable. As regards Argentine
steamships, I recommend either compelling them to turn back, sinking
them without leaving any traces of letting them through."
LUXBURG."

Revelations by Lansing May
Precipitate a Break With
Stockholm.

WASHINGTON AMAZED
Cipher Telegrams From
Teuton Envoy in Buenos
Ayres Intercepted.

PASSED ALLIED CENSORS
Nation Likely to Be Forced
Into War Unless Amends
Are Made by People.

Special Despatch to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Unmasking
of the Government of Sweden as a secret
ally of Germany has precipitated a
situation here which may force Sweden
openly into the war unless the Swedish
people themselves take action toward
punishing the authorities who have de-
ceived them.

The seriousness of Sweden's offense
is almost without a parallel in modern
diplomacy, according to foreign envoys
here, who fail to see how the Swedish
Government can make satisfactory
amends to the United States and the
Entente. The honor and good faith of
the Government of Sweden have become
bankrupt in the eyes of the world and
in the estimation of its own people.

Secretary Lansing, in making public
the telegrams from Count Loxburg, Ger-
man Charge d'Affaires at Buenos Ayres,
to the Berlin Foreign Office and by the
Swedish Legation in Stockholm, has
officially, necessarily, exposed the secret
assistance which the Government of
Stockholm must have rendered to Berlin
in violation of Sweden's professed neu-
trality and in furtherance of Germany's
war plans.

Helped on U-Boat Savagery.
The fact that the Government of
Sweden has lent itself to the trans-
mission of German messages advising that
ships be sunk by U-boats without a
trace being left of anything or anybody
on board is less important than the main
fact, namely, that the Government of
Sweden has been cooperating with the
German Government in the sinking of
ships upon the high seas. It is not a
matter that can be disposed of
by simply blaming Count Loxburg.
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The whole plan implies active co-
operation between the Swedish and Ger-
man governments in the sinking of ships
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These cipher messages had the right
to pass unchallenged through the hands
of the Swedish Government because the
German Government was pledged not to
use its secret diplomatic privileges im-
properly. As long as the German Gov-
ernment was pledged to this, the Swedish
Government's official telegrams had
to be decoded by the Swedish Govern-
ment in order that their contents might
be made known to the world. It is a
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In response to the question of what
the United States and the Entente may
do, diplomats say that the Swedish
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ALLIES MAY NEED
MORE U. S. TROOPS
Russian Collapse May Help
Germany in Western Drive.

Special Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, Sept. 8.—The correspondent
of The Sun at British Headquarters
in France wires the following, which
has been passed by the military censor:

"I have had the privilege of a conver-
sation with a high officer of the British
army, and the impression left upon my
mind is that the present condition
of affairs in Russia have made it more
apparent that more American troops
must be called to fight on the western
front."

"I am convinced that we must look
forward also to possibilities on the Rus-
sian front. If Russian resistance is
weakened and Germany throws more
troops into the British zone, it will be
counteracted by a movement the Allies
will need a number of American di-
visions."

In general the war situation is ex-
cellent. Germany is on the down grade,
she is drawing the 1919 class and has
called up a portion of the 1920 class for
training. The Germans are using men
recovering from wounds, which is an
acknowledgment of a shortage of man
power. The classes of 1917 and 1918
are unusable to interest on capital.
While Germany drew only the interest
her position was apparently good, but
when she began to make inroads on the
principal it was apparent that she was
declining.

"In five weeks of this year's allied of-
fensive a greater number of German di-
visions were sent out of line than in the
similar period of the Somme offensive.
The ability of the Allies to kill the
enemy has been enormously extended.
Considering the enormous extension of
the front the German boys now being
sent to the front, who have been under
fire for two and a half years, it is easily
understood that the outlook is hopeful.
The morale of the British army was
never better."